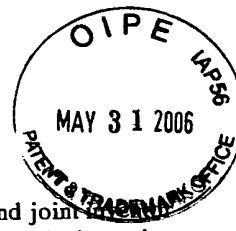


DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

WHEEL RIM, WHEEL, AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THEM

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☒ was filed on JUNE 17, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/JP2004/8543 (U.S. NATIONAL PHASE 10/560,835) and was amended on DECEMBER 15, 2005 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

Priority Claimed

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)

Patent Application
No. 2003-171828
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(Country)

17/June/2003

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Patent Application
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JAPAN

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Patent Application
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4/July/2003

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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Examiner: **Unassigned**

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following names be added as inventors to the above-referenced application: Jin FUKUDA, Taisei WAKISAKA, and Haruo MACHIDA.

A Statement from each added inventor, a new Declaration, a written consent of the Assignee and the petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth-in 37 CFR § 1.17(i) is attached herewith.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP

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